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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FUNNELING USER RESPONSES IN AN INTERNET VOICE PORTAL SYSTEM TO DETERMINE A DESIRED ITEM OR SERVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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This Preliminary Amendment is responsive to the final rejection dated February 28, 2003 in the above-identified patent application.

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Please amend the application as indicated below.

In the Claims:

1. A method of funneling user responses in a voice portal system to determine a desired item or service, the method comprising:

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(a) establishing an attribute value associated with a particular attribute of desired item or service; and

(b) determining if the attribute value satisfies an end state, wherein if the end state is not satisfied, performing steps (a) and (b) by said voice portal with a new attribute value.

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